GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services–Revenue Department -Disciplinary action initiated against Smt.Shakeerunnisa Begum former Tahsildar, Kruthivennu Mandal (now retired) and three Village Revenue Officers for failing to stop the illegal activity on digging of fish Tanks in Kruthivennu, Garisipudi and Yandapalli villages - Article of charges issued - Explanation submitted – One of the CO retried – Proposal submitted to the Government – Permitted to continue disciplinary proceedings against them – Representation submitted by Smt.Shakeerunnisa Begum former Tahsildar – Re-examined –Further action dropped –Orders –Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III)DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.250 **Dated:13.04.2022**

Read the following:-

1. From the CCLA, Lr.No.Vigilance/VSII(2)/373/2013, dt:01.10.2021.
2. Govt.Memo.No.REV01-LANA0CCLV(DISC)/5/2022-VIG-III, dt:07.02.2022.
3. Representation of Smt.Shakeerunnisa Begum, Tahsildar (Retd) with Endorsement dt:24.02.2022 of Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister (Revenue)

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ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, the Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada has stated that the District Collector, Krishna, vide his letter dt:20.06.2013, while submitting the draft article of charges against Smt.Shakirunnisa Begum, former Tahsildar, Kruthivennu (M), Sri K.Srinivasa Rao, former VRO, Kruthivennu, Sri Gangajalam, former VRO, Garispudi and Sri M.L.Mohana Rao, former VRO, Yandapalli, O/o Tahsildar, Krutivenue, has requested the CCLA to initiate common disciplinary action against above delinquents for their failure to stop the illegal activity of digging of fish tanks until task force team inspection. Accordingly, the CCLA, vide his proceds dt:05.08.2013, has initiated common disciplinary action against all above delinquents and framed Article of charges against them. In reply, all the charged officers have submitted their Written Statements of Defense denying the charges.

2. And whereas, the CCLA, vide his proceedings dt:03.02.2014, while forwarding the explanations of all the delinquents officers, has requested the Collector, Krishna and RDO Bandar, to submit detailed enquiry report on the explanations submitted by the charged officers. Accordingly, after lapse of (7) years, the District Collector, Krishna, vide his letter dt:30.05.2021, has forwarded the report of RDO, Bandar without any remarks thereon to the CCLA.

3. And whereas, the CCLA, vide his letter dt:01.10.2021, while forwarding the report of the District Collector, Krishna along with connected records, has requested the Government to take further action in the matter under rule (9) of the APRP Rules, 1980 r/w rule 24 of APCCA Rules, 1991, since one of the charged officer Smt.Shakeerunnisa Begam, Tahsildar, was retired from service on 31-05-2021.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter, has requested the CCLA to continue the disciplinary proceedings initiated against Smt.Shakeerunnisa Begum, Tahsildar(Rtd), Kruthivennu (M), Sri K.Srinivasa Rao, former VRO, Kruthivennu, Sri Gangajalam, former VRO, Garispudi, and Sri M.L.Mohana Rao, former VRO,Yandapalli, Kruthivennu (M), Krishna District for their failure to stop the illegal activity on digging of fish tanks until task force team inspection, under rule 9(2) (a) of APRP Rules, 1988, and submit the Inquiry Report to the Government for taking further necessary action in the matter, as per Vigilance Scheme, vide memo 2nd read above.

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5. In the reference 3rd read above, Smt.Shakeerunnisa Begum, Tahsildar (Retd), among other things, has stated that being a Tahsildar, Kruthivennu Mandal, she stopped the illegal digging of fish tank in Garisepudi Village and seized the machinery in Kruthivennu Village and she has imposed the penalty against the illegal diggers and the penalty amount was remitted to the Government account. Hence charge framed against thereon was not correct. She further stated that after lapse of (7) years, the Collector, Krishna District has submitted a report along with RDO report to the CCLA for taking further action in the matter on her retirement on 31.05.2021. Further, she has stated that due to pendency of disciplinary case against her, she has not received any pensionary benefits. Therefore, she has requested the Government to drop charges framed against her.

6. Government, after careful re-examination of the matter, have observed that the allegation against the Accused Officers is that they allowed digging of fish tanks without permissions in Kruthivennu Mandal during the year 2013. In her explanation she stated that she has taken all measures to stop the digging and collecting fine amount from the responsible persons. No enquiry officer was appointed even after lapse of 9 years in this case. Further most of the area in Kruthivennu Mandal is in the Acqua zone as per the new policy. It is hub for acqua-culture. One of the Accused Officers has already retired from service on 31.5.2021. No farmer complained against the digging. There is no much rationale to continue this case. Therefore, Government have decided to drop further action in the matter.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Smt.Shakeerunnisa Begum, Tahsildar(Rtd), Kruthivennu (M), Sri K.Srinivasa Rao, former VRO, Kruthivennu, Sri Gangajalam, former VRO, Garispudi, and Sri M.L.Mohana Rao, former VRO,Yandapalli , Kruthivennu (M), Krishna District in the matter duly cancelling the orders issued in the memo 2nd read above.

8. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter, Accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.SAI PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(FAC)

To
The individuals concerned through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.
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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER